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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-19 and 21-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-19 and 21-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is issued in response to applicant filed request for continued examination (RCE) on 07/06/2007.
2. Claims 1, 3 – 7, 13 – 15, 17, 19, 21 – 24, and 27 – 28 have been amended. No claims were added. Claims 2, and 20 were canceled.
3. Claims 1, 3 – 19, and 21 – 29 are pending in this application.
4. Applicant's arguments filed 07/06/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

5. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/11/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1 – 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Berenson et al. (Berenson hereinafter) (US Patent Pub. App. No. 2003/0131355 A1, filed: November 27, 2001).

Regarding Claim 1, Berenson discloses a device for presenting data about programs from a number of program sources, the device comprising:

a table generator unit for generating an electronic program guide as a table (Page 2, [0024], lines 1 – 7, Berenson) comprising data about current program and following programs for each program source (Figure 7, Rugrats, 7 Days, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 11, Berenson),

a coding unit for selecting data about all programs starting within at least one first time interval (Page 2, [0025], lines 9 – 12, select a program, Berenson¹) and coding the selected data with an additional code based on the at least one time interval (Page 2, [0026] – [0027], lines 1 – 2 and 1 – 2, displayed time – by – suggested preferences;

¹ Wherein the computer user interface corresponds to the coding unit claimed.

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respectively, Berenson; and also see Fig. 8, time intervals shown on top, 8:00 pm, 8:30 pm, 9:00 pm, Berenson), and

a control unit for controlling the table generator unit and the coding unit (Page 3, [0040], lines 6 – 9, programming guide server, Berenson²), wherein the table generator unit is arranged to present the data about the programs (Figure 7, Page 5, [0062] and [0063], lines 1 – 6 and 1; respectively, Berenson), using sources of programs to sort amongst rows of the table in accordance with the sources (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, "...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...", Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson) and columns sorted in accordance with next program of each source, and is arranged for formatting (Figure 9, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 15, programs are then placed sequentially, Berenson) the selected data in accordance with the additional code (Page 3, [0040], lines 7 – 9, to filter the program listings information, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 3, Berenson discloses a device, wherein the table generator unit is arranged to present the data using a visual identification based on the time

² Wherein the step of using the information and filtering corresponds to the step of controlling as claimed.

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interval (Figure 8, Page 6 and 8, [0063] and [0115], lines 9 – 15 and 1 – 6; respectively, Berenson³).

Regarding Claim 4, Berenson discloses a device, wherein the visual identification is a color that distinguishes between different time intervals (Figure 8, Page 6 and 8, [0063] and [0115], lines 9 – 15 and 1 – 6; respectively, Berenson⁴).

Regarding Claim 5, Berenson discloses a device, further including a scrolling step calculation unit arranged to determine a scrolling step size based on a parameter (Figure 9, Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, Berenson⁵) and the control unit being arranged to control the scrolling step calculation unit (Figure 5, item 22, Personalization Database Server, Page 6, [0053], lines 1 – 4, Berenson) and scrolling data about programs of the different program sources in the table with said scrolling step size (Figure 9, Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, Berenson⁶).

Regarding Claim 6, Berenson discloses a device for presenting data about programs from a number of program sources, the device comprising:

³ Wherein the interval showed for the “ED” program (as displayed in Figure 8, interval 8 – 8:30) corresponds to the visual identification claimed. The “ED” program shows a box color for that interval (8:00 – 8:30pm as shown in that Figure).

⁴ The table displayed in Figure 8 shows figures and colors that distinguish different to the time intervals.

⁵ Wherein the step of moving programs up to personals lineups and pushing down others corresponds to the step of scrolling data as claimed. In addition, Berenson further explicitly discloses the step of scrolling data as claimed (Page 9, [0120], lines 6 – 9, Berenson).

⁶ Wherein the step of moving programs up to personals lineups and pushing down others corresponds to the step of scrolling data as claimed. In addition, Berenson further explicitly discloses the step of scrolling data as claimed (Page 9, [0120], lines 6 – 9, Berenson).

a table generator unit for generating an electronic program guide as a table comprising data about current program (Page 2, [0024], lines 1 – 7, Berenson) and following programs for each source (Figure 7, Rugrats, 7 Days, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 11, Berenson) and presenting the data about the programs (Figure 7, Page 5, [0062] and [0063], lines 1 – 6 and 1; respectively, Berenson), using sources of programs to sort amongst rows of the table in accordance with the sources (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, "...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...", Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson) and columns sorted in accordance with next program of each source (Figure 9, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 15, programs are then placed sequentially, Berenson), the selected data being formatted in accordance with an additional code determined for each program (Page 3, [0040], lines 7 – 9, to filter the program listings information, Berenson);

a scrolling step calculation unit for determining a scrolling step size based on a parameter (Figure 9, Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, Berenson⁷), and

a control unit for controlling the table generator unit (Page 3, [0040], lines 6 – 9, programming guide server, Berenson⁸) and the scrolling step calculation unit (Figure 5,

⁷ Wherein the step of moving programs up to personals lineups and pushing down others corresponds to the step of scrolling data as claimed. In addition, Berenson further explicitly discloses the step of scrolling data as claimed (Page 9, [0120], lines 6 – 9, Berenson).

⁸ Wherein the step of using the information and filtering corresponds to the step of controlling as claimed.

item 22, Personalization Database Server, Page 6, [0053], lines 1 – 4, Berenson) and arranged to scroll data about programs of the different program sources in the table with said step size (Figure 9, Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, Berenson⁹).

Regarding Claim 7, Berenson discloses a device, wherein the parameter is time (page 6, [0066], lines 3 – 5, time interval, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 8, Berenson discloses a device, wherein the step size is set to a second time interval (Page 6, [0066], lines 3 – 5, Berenson) and, for each scrolling step (Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, are moved up to personal lineups, Berenson), the control unit is arranged to scroll all data concerning the programs of a program source if the data about a program of said program source has a start or stop time within the second time interval (Page 6, [0066], lines 2 – 9, Berenson¹⁰).

Regarding Claim 9, Berenson discloses a device, wherein the second time interval is set to a short fixed duration in comparison with a first time interval (Page 6, [0068], lines 1 – 4, Berenson).

⁹ Wherein the step of moving programs up to personals lineups and pushing down others corresponds to the step of scrolling data as claimed. In addition, Berenson further explicitly discloses the step of scrolling data as claimed (Page 9, [0120], lines 6 – 9, Berenson).

¹⁰ Wherein the step of finding all the programs on a specified time and further moving them up corresponds to the step of scrolling all data if the data about the program has a start or stop within the second time interval as claimed.

Regarding Claim 10, Berenson discloses a device, wherein the scrolling step calculation unit is arranged to set the second time interval as the time between the starting time of a selected program and the starting time of any program having a starting time closest to and after the starting time of the selected program (Figure 9, Page 8, [0113], lines 8 – 17, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 11, Berenson discloses a device, wherein the scrolling step calculation unit is arranged to set the second time interval as the time between the starting time of a selected program and the starting time of the next program of the same program source (Figure 9, Page 8, [0113], lines 8 – 17, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 12, Berenson discloses a device, wherein the control unit is arranged to control, on the basis of the time relationship between the starting times of the programs, the scrolling step calculation unit to set the second time interval, such that a number of programs of program sources are scrolled at the same time (Page 8, [0113], lines 13 – 17, grids that do not include every show on each channel, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 13, Berenson discloses a program presentation apparatus for presenting programs from a number of different program sources, the apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving at least one signal containing data relating to programs from the different program sources (Page 2, [0023], lines 1 – 4, Berenson);

a table generator unit for generating an electronic program guide as a table comprising data about current program (Page 2, [0024], lines 1 – 7, Berenson) and following programs for each program source (Figure 7, Rugrats, 7 Days, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 11, Berenson), with rows sorted by different program sources (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, "...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...", Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson) and columns sorted in accordance with next program of each source (Figure 9, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 15, programs are then placed sequentially, Berenson);

a coding unit for selecting data about all programs starting within at least one first time interval (Page 2, [0025], lines 9 – 12, select a program, Berenson¹¹) and coding the selected data with an additional code based on the at least one time interval (Page 2, [0026] – [0027], lines 1 – 2 and 1 – 2, displayed time – by – suggested preferences; respectively, Berenson; and also see Fig. 8, time intervals shown on top, 8:00 pm, 8:30 pm, 9:00 pm, Berenson); and

a control unit for controlling the table generator unit and the coding unit (Page 3, [0040], lines 6 – 9, programming guide server, Berenson¹²), wherein the table generator

¹¹ Wherein the computer user interface corresponds to the coding unit claimed.

¹² Wherein the step of using the information and filtering corresponds to the step of controlling as claimed.

unit is further arranged to format the selected data in accordance with the additional code (Page 3, [0040], lines 7 – 9, to filter the program listings information, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 14, Berenson discloses a program presentation apparatus for presenting programs from a number of program sources, the apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving at least one signal containing data relating to programs of the different sources (Page 2, [0023], lines 1 – 4, Berenson);

a table generator unit for generating an electronic program guide as a table comprising data about current program (Page 2, [0024], lines 1 – 7, Berenson), and following programs for each program source (Figure 7, Rugrats, 7 Days, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 11, Berenson) and presenting the data about the programs (Figure 7, Page 5, [0062] and [0063], lines 1 – 6 and 1; respectively, Berenson), using source of the programs to sort amongst rows of the table (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, "...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...", Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson) and columns sorted in accordance with next program of each source (Figure 9, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 15, programs are then placed sequentially, Berenson);

a scrolling step calculation unit for determining a scrolling step size based on a parameter (Page 9, [0120], lines 6 – 9, Berenson); and

a control unit for controlling the table generator unit (Page 3, [0040], lines 6 – 9, programming guide server, Berenson¹³) and the scrolling step calculation unit (Figure 5, item 22, Personalization Database Server, Page 6, [0053], lines 1 – 4, Berenson) and arranged to scroll data about programs of the different program sources in the table with said step size (Figure 9, Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, Berenson¹⁴), wherein selected data is formatted in accordance with an additional code determined for each program (Page 3, [0040], lines 7 – 9, to filter the program listings information, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 15, Berenson discloses a computer program element comprising: computer program code means for causing the computer to execute generation of an electronic program guide as a table comprising data about current program (Page 2, [0024], lines 1 – 7, Berenson) and following programs of a number of program sources (Figure 7, Rugrats, 7 Days, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 11, Berenson);

presentation of the data about the programs (Figure 7, Page 5, [0062] and [0063], lines 1 – 6 and 1; respectively, Berenson) using program sources to sort amongst rows of the table in accordance with the sources (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, "...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...", Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic

¹³ Wherein the step of using the information and filtering corresponds to the step of controlling as claimed.

¹⁴ Wherein the step of moving programs up to personals lineups and pushing down others corresponds to the step of scrolling data as claimed. In addition, Berenson further explicitly discloses the step of scrolling data as claimed (Page 9, [0120], lines 6 – 9, Berenson).

corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson) and columns sorted in accordance with next program of each source (Figure 9, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 15, programs are then placed sequentially, Berenson), and formatting the selected data in accordance with an additional code determined for each program (Page 3, [0040], lines 7 – 9, to filter the program listings information, Berenson); and

scrolling of data about programs of the different program sources in the table with a scrolling step size determined by a third parameter (Figure 9, Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, Berenson¹⁵).

Regarding Claim 16, Berenson discloses a computer program element, embodied on a computer-readable medium (Page 2, [0033], lines 3 – 12, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 17, Berenson discloses a computer program element comprising: computer program code means for causing the computer to execute the acts of:

generating an electronic program guide as a table comprising data about current program (Page 2, [0024], lines 1 – 7, Berenson) and following programs of a number of program sources (Figure 7, Rugrats, 7 Days, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 11, Berenson),

¹⁵ Wherein the step of moving programs up to personals lineups and pushing down others corresponds to the step of scrolling data as claimed. In addition, Berenson further explicitly discloses the step of scrolling data as claimed (Page 9, [0120], lines 6 – 9, Berenson).

selecting data about all programs starting within at least one first time interval from a number of programs from different program sources (Page 2, [0025], lines 9 – 12, select a program, Berenson¹⁶), using each of the different sources to sort rows sources (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, “...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...”, Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson) and columns sorted in accordance with next program of each source (Figure 9, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 15, programs are then placed sequentially, Berenson);

coding the selected data with an additional code (Page 2, [0026] – [0027], lines 1 – 2 and 1 – 2, displayed time – by – suggested preferences; respectively, Berenson), and

presentation the selected data in accordance with the additional code (Page 3, [0040], lines 7 – 9, to filter the program listings information, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 18, Berenson discloses a computer program element, embodied on a computer-readable medium (Page 2, [0033], lines 3 – 12, Berenson).

¹⁶ Wherein the computer user interface corresponds to the coding unit claimed.

Regarding Claim 19, Berenson discloses a method of presenting data about programs from a number of program sources, the method comprising the acts of:

receiving at least one signal containing data relating to programs of the different program sources (Page 2, [0023], lines 1 – 4, Berenson);

generating an electronic program guide as a table comprising data about current program (Page 2, [0024], lines 1 – 7, Berenson) and following programs for each program source (Figure 7, Rugrats, 7 Days, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 11, Berenson), with rows sorted by each program source (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, "...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...", Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson) and columns sorted in accordance with next program of each source (Figure 9, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 15, programs are then placed sequentially, Berenson);

selecting data about all programs starting within at least one first time interval (Page 2, [0025], lines 9 – 12; select a program, Berenson¹⁷);

coding the selected data with the additional code based on the at least one time interval (Page 2, [0026] – [0027], lines 1 – 2 and 1 – 2, displayed time – by – suggested preferences; respectively, Berenson; and also see Fig. 8, time intervals shown on top, 8:00 pm, 8:30 pm, 9:00 pm, Berenson); and

¹⁷ Wherein the computer user interface corresponds to the coding unit claimed.

formatting the selected data in accordance with the additional code (Page 3, [0040], lines 7 – 9, to filter the program listings information, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 21, Berenson discloses a method, wherein the act of presenting comprises presenting the programs within the time interval, using a visual identification based on the time interval (Figure 8, Page 6 and 8, [0063] and [0115], lines 9 – 15 and 1 – 6; respectively, Berenson¹⁸).

Regarding Claim 22, Berenson discloses a method, wherein the visual identification is a color that distinguishes between different time intervals (Figure 8, Page 6 and 8, [0063] and [0115], lines 9 – 15 and 1 – 6; respectively, Berenson¹⁹).

Regarding Claim 23, Berenson discloses a method of presenting data about programs from a number of program sources the method comprising the acts of:

generating an electronic program guide as a table comprising data about current program (Page 2, [0024], lines 1 – 7, Berenson) and following programs for each program source (Figure 7, RUGRATS, 7 DAYS, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 11, Berenson);

presenting the data about the programs (Figure 7, Page 5, [0062] and [0063], lines 1 – 6 and 1; respectively, Berenson) using the program sources to sort rows of the table in accordance with a specific source (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION,

¹⁸ Wherein the interval showed for the “ED” program (as displayed in Figure 8, interval 8 – 8:30) corresponds to the visual identification claimed. The “ED” program shows a box color for that interval (8:00 – 8:30pm as shown in that Figure).

¹⁹ The table displayed in Figure 8 shows figures and colors that distinguish different to the time intervals.

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Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, "...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...", Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson) and columns sorted in accordance with next program of each source (Figure 9, Page 6, [0063], lines 6 – 15, programs are then placed sequentially, Berenson); and

scrolling data about programs of the different program sources in the table with a scrolling step size determined by a third parameter (Figure 9, Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, Berenson²⁰), wherein the data is formatted in accordance with an additional code determined for each program (Page 3, [0040], lines 7 – 9, to filter the program listings information, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 24, Berenson discloses a method, wherein the parameter is time (page 6, [0066], lines 3 – 5, time interval, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 25, Berenson discloses a method, wherein the step size is set to a second time interval (Page 6, [0066], lines 3 – 5, Berenson) and the step of scrolling comprises, for each scrolling step (Page 6, [0066], lines 7 – 9, are moved up to personal lineups, Berenson), scrolling all data concerning the programs of a program

²⁰ Wherein the step of moving programs up to personals lineups and pushing down others corresponds to the step of scrolling data as claimed. In addition, Berenson further explicitly discloses the step of scrolling data as claimed (Page 9, [0120], lines 6 – 9, Berenson).

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source if the data about a program of said program source has a start or stop time within the second time interval (Page 6, [0066], lines 2 – 9, Berenson²¹).

Regarding Claim 26, Berenson discloses a method, wherein the second time interval is of a short fixed duration in comparison with the length of a first time interval (Page 6, [0068], lines 1 – 4, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 27, Berenson discloses a method, further comprising the act of selecting a program, which selection sets the second time interval as the time between the starting time of the selected program and the starting time of any program having a starting time closest to and after the starting time of the selected program (Figure 9, Page 8, [0113], lines 8 – 17, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 28, Berenson discloses a method, further comprising the act of selecting a program, which selection sets the second time interval as the time between the starting time of the selected program and the starting time of the next program of the same program source (Figure 9, Page 8, [0113], lines 8 – 17, Berenson).

Regarding Claim 29, Berenson discloses a method, wherein the second time interval setting is selected on the basis of the time relationship between the different programs of the program sources, such that a number of programs of program sources

²¹ Wherein the step of finding all the programs on a specified time and further moving them up

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are scrolled at the same time (Page 8, [0113], lines 13 – 17, grids that do not include every show on each channel, Berenson).

corresponds to the step of scrolling all data if the data about the program has a start or stop within the

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant argues that the prior art fails to disclose; “using sources of programs to sort amongst rows of the table in accordance with the sources”.

Examiner respectfully disagrees. The Berenson reference does disclose: using sources of programs to sort amongst rows of the table in accordance with the sources (Figure 9, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, Page 6, [0065], lines 3 – 7, “...wherein personal lineups are grouped by genre, mood or any other characteristic...”, Wherein grouping the rows by genre, such as, DRAMA, COMEDY, AND ACTION, mood, or any other characteristic corresponds the step of sorting rows in accordance with source as claimed, and wherein DRAMA, COMEDY, and ACTION correspond to the sources claimed, Berenson).

2. Applicant argues that the prior art fails to disclose; “wherein the table generator unit is arranged to present the data using a visual identification based on the time interval”.

Examiner respectfully disagrees. The Berenson reference does disclose: wherein the table generator unit is arranged to present the data using a visual identification based on the time interval (Figure 8, Page 6 and 8, [0063] and [0115], lines 9 – 15 and 1 – 6; respectively, Berenson). Wherein the interval showed for the “ED” program (as displayed in Figure 8, interval 8 – 8:30) corresponds to the visual identification claimed.

second time interval as claimed.

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The "ED" program shows a box color for that interval (8:00 – 8:30pm as shown in that Figure).

Prior Art Of Record

1. Berenson et al. (US Patent Pub. App. No. 2003/0131355 A1, filed: November 27, 2001) discloses a program guide system.
2. Grauch et al. (US Patent No. 6,983,478 B1) discloses method and system for tracking network use.
3. Shine et al. (US Patent No. 6,556,221 B1) discloses extended elements and mechanisms for displaying a rich graphical user interface in panel subunit.


Points Of Contact

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